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## PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that JAVIER SALAS-LUCERO, age 44, of Kingston, New York, pled guilty today to the felony offense of reentry by a previously removed alien before Senior United States District Court Judge Thomas J. McAvoy, in Albany, New York. Sentencing for SALAS-LUCERO is scheduled for December 13, 2010, in Albany, New York. As a result of the conviction SALAS-LUCERO faces a maximum sentence of imprisonment of up to 20 years, supervised release of up to 3 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a special assessment of \$100.

SALAS-LUCERO, a citizen of Mexico, was involuntarily removed from the United States to Mexico on October 5, 1988 following his conviction for Child Molestation in Orange County, California. On January 21, 2010 SALAS-LUCERO was encountered by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer at Kingston City Court and determined to be an illegal alien.

This matter was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement(ICE), Castle Point, New York.

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